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PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I move the bill as amended be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I had a question of Senator DeCamp on the amendment that just was adopted.

PRESIDENT: I am sorry.

SENATOR KOCH: Is it within my prerogative or yours to grant me the question?

PRESIDENT: Sure.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator DeCamp, on the word that you changed from "may" to "shall", is that really that necessary? A city negotiates their insurance program and they name those who are covered and those people will be named in the policy as being covered if they feel they should derive those benefits. I can't see the reason why you want to place a city, now it just says they shall, period.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, of course, the amendment has been adopted. I gave every explanation that I have received from all sides. What I would say is this. Contact two sides and I will make them contact you. Mr. Humpel contacted me representing some insurance company. Contact Mr. Craig, the policemen's union, and I will even get Mayor Zorinsky to chat with you about it. They felt that if you leave the word "may" there, as I said, it leaves a state of confusion, and if there is an injury, there may be an attempt to make the money come out of our pocket instead of out of the proper pocket. That is why they felt they wanted it cleared up.

SENATOR KOCH: I guess my point is that when you go to carry your insurance for employees or those who are part time, you name them in your specs and when you go to bid for who the carrier is going to be.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, now, remember the overall thrust of the bill is to set up a new reserve force, a specifically defined force, which does not exist now. We are outlawing or eliminating the existence under this bill of such things as special deputies. There are no standards. 93 different sheriffs use 93 different methods. We have one method here and this will be taken into consideration when they negotiate their insurance policy. It will be taken into consideration in either case. They wanted to eliminate confusion. But I will have these people contact you.

SENATOR KOCH: I know the source of the bill. I saw it long before it ever came to the floor so I just don't want to get locked in too tight because of one place it came from.